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Mark Cowin, Director
State of California, Department of Water Resources
1416 - 9th Street, Room 1115-1
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: Proposition 1E Integrated Regional Water Management Grant Program
Stormwater Flood Management Grant, Round 1, 2010-2011
City of Fontana Vulcan Pit Flood Control and Aquifer Recharge Project

Dear Mr. Cowin,

The City of Fontana (City) submitted an application for funding from the Proposition 1E Integrated Regional Water Management Grant Program, Stormwater Flood Management Grant, Round 1, 2010-2011. The Vulcan Pit Flood Control and Aquifer Recharge Project, based on the draft scoring, was within one point of being funded. The City has advised DWR that it is requesting scoring reconsideration arguing that additional points should be added within various categories.

We, the signatories below, request that DWR fund the City project based on the following:

1. The draft recommendations will result in an inequitable funding distribution. The Santa Ana Watershed, as presented in the draft funding recommendations, is proposed to receive funding for only 2 of 9 (22%) projects submitted for consideration; other regions received funding for as much as 80% of the applications submitted. In addition, the Watershed received only 12.7% of the total funding to be distributed.
2. The City has applied for and not benefited from any of the bond measures implemented by DWR including Propositions 1E, 84, 50, or 13.
3. The project will provide significant benefit to the Chino Groundwater Basin, and as a result will benefit the entire watershed. Regional water agencies are supporting the City's application, including the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority (SAWPA), Inland Empire Utilities Agency, San Bernardino County Flood Control, and Chino Basin Watermaster.

4. The City is primarily a disadvantaged community and faces significant challenges related to flood control and water service costs. Areas within the City are subject to flooding as confirmed by FEMA and residents in the City are subject to water rates that are among the highest in the state.

Again, the City has provided application clarifications that justify additional scoring and, as such, would result in funding of the project. The signatories below request that DWR reconsider the City's application and fund the project. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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